(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether by reducing investment, rural telephone is likely to be costly, and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD). (a) No, Sir. BSNL is not considering to reduce its investments in Telephone Projects for rural areas;

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Funds allocated for communication services in Uttar Pradesh

1715. PORF. M M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of telephone exchanges functioning at present in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of telephone exchanges proposed to be converted into electronic exchanges in the State; and

(c) the details of financial allocation made by Government in this regard during the current Budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The details of telephone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh are as given below:—

UP (E)	—	2298
UP (W)	—	955

(b) All the Telephone exchanges, details given at (a) above, are electronic.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.